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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KAZUYUKI SAKAMAKI

Serial No: 09/870,279

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For: GEAR MADE OF RESIN, IMAGE-
FORMING DEVICE, AND
ROTATION-TRANSMITTING
MEANS MADE OF RESIN

Art Unit: 3682

Examiner: Timothy P. McAulty

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AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 26, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 4-7 as follows:

4. The gear according to claim 1, wherein said circumferential sectional shape of said web is a corrugated shape contoured by a smooth curve.

5. The gear according to claim 1, wherein said circumferential sectional shape of said web is corrugated shape comprising triangles continuously connected together.

6. The gear according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of said web that has said circumferential sectional shape which is said corrugated shape contoured by said smooth curve is substantially equal to a thickness of other webs.

7. The gear according to claim 1, wherein a thickness of said web that has said circumferential sectional shape which is said corrugated shape contoured by said smooth curve is smaller than a thickness of other webs.